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Examiner	Art Unit	
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 6-10 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yin et al. (US 5,982,748) in view of Anbiah et al. (US 6,690,671).

For claim 1, Yin et al. disclose method and apparatus for controlling admission of connection requests, comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving a QoS (Quality of Service) specified connection request (figure 3, reference 54, col. 5 lines 51-53);
- b) calculating an assigned bandwidth on a link associated with the QoS-specified connection request (figure 3, reference 60, Table 2, col. 5 lines 61-62);
- d) determining whether the QoS-specified connection request is accepted, based on a combination of the assigned bandwidth and the estimated bandwidth (figure 3, col. 6 lines 9-19).

However, Yin et al. does not disclose c) calculating an estimated bandwidth to be assigned to an existing QoS-unspecified traffic on the link associated with the QoS-specified connection request. In an analogous art, Anbiah et al. disclose:

c) calculating an estimated bandwidth to be assigned to an existing QoS-unspecified traffic on the link associated with the QoS-specified connection request (col. 3 lines 53-59).

One skilled in the art would have recognized calculating an estimated bandwidth to be assigned to an existing QoS-unspecified traffic to use the teachings of Anbiah et al. in the system of Yin et al. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to use the calculating an estimated bandwidth to be assigned to an existing QoS-unspecified traffic as taught by Anbiah et al. in Yin et al.'s system with the motivation being to provide a new method for load balancing UBR calls across the network 12 (col. 3 lines 53-54).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 6-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 6, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of: a call admission manager for calculating an estimated bandwidth by adding up average QoS-unspecified traffics for all existing QoS-unspecified connections on a link associated with a QoS-specified connection request, wherein the estimated bandwidth is a bandwidth to be assigned to the existing QoS-unspecified connections on the link, and determining whether the QoS-specified connection request is accepted, based on a

combination of the estimated bandwidth and an assigned bandwidth that is already assigned in the link, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

Regarding claim 9, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of:

a calculator for adding up existing QoS-unspecified traffics obtained at predetermined sampling time intervals to produce a first average QoS-unspecified traffic, and calculating the estimated bandwidth by averaging a predetermined number of first average QoS unspecified traffics stored; and

a call admission manager for calculating an estimated bandwidth by adding up first average QoS-unspecified traffics for all existing QoS-unspecified connections on a link associated with a QoS-specified connection request, wherein the estimated bandwidth is a bandwidth to be assigned to the existing QoS-unspecified connections on the link, and determining whether the QoS-specified connection request is accepted, based on a combination of the estimated bandwidth and an assigned bandwidth that is already assigned in the link, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

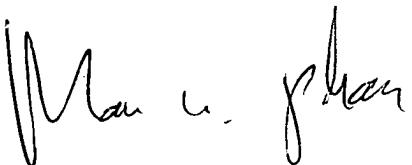
Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan D Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3153. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00AM-4:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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